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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB LEAGUE, LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER FOUAD NAFFAH VISITED MEXICO JANUARY 5-7 AND 11-16 (THE VISIT WAS BROKEN BY A TRIP TO CUBA) IN COURSE OF HIS LATIN AMERICAN TOUR PROMOTING ARAB POSITION IN CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. END SUMMARY.

2. NAFFAH'S VISIT TO MEXICO WAS PART OF AN EIGHT-COUNTRY LATIN AMERICAN TOUR WHICH BEGAN IN HAITI AND HAS ALREADY TAKEN HIM TO VENEZUELA AND CUBA. HIS REMAINING STOPS ARE COLOMBIA, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND URUGUAY. PURPOSE OF

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VISITS, ACCORDING TO NAFFAH IS TO INFORM LATIN AMERICA

ABOUT SITUATION IN MIDDLE EAST FROM ARAB POINT OF VIEW.
HE MET WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA AND PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA ON JANUARY 5.

3. PRESS CONFERENCES WERE HELD BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER
NAFFAH'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. NAFFAH LISTED
THOSE CONSIDERATIONS ARABS BELIEVE ARE ESSENTIAL TO ANY
MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT: RETURN OF TERRITORY OCCUPIED
BY ISRAEL AFTER JUNE 1967 WAR; RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL
RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO RESOLVE THEIR POLITICAL
IDENTITY AND TO ALLOW THEM THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

4. NAFFAH SAID ARAB DECISION TO REDUCE OIL PRODUCTION AND
EMBARGO SOME COUNTRIES WAS NOT A FORM OF BLACKMAIL. RATHER,
ARABS WERE USING OIL AS "AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE IN ORDER
THAT THE THE RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS BE RESPECTED AND
NOT TO HURT ANYONE OR TO CAUSE A WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS.
THE PROOF OF THIS IS THAT WE DID NOT CUT OFF ALL PRODUCTION
AT ONCE..." NAFFAH SAID THAT OIL IS BEING USED TO PRICK THE
CONSCIENCE OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION. HE ADDED THAT ARAB CAUSE
HAS TOO LONG BEEN LITTLE KNOWN BECAUSE OF "ZIONIST CONTROL
OF NEWS MEDIA", BUT BY USING OIL THE ARABS CAN REACH INTO
THE HOMES OF EUROPE AND THE WEST. OIL HAS BEEN CHANGED
FROM MERELY A NATURAL RESOURCE TO A "RESOURCE OF INFORMA-
TION ON THE ARAB CAUSE." NAFFAH CLAIMED THAT OIL EMBARGOES
WERE NON-DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS IN FIGHT FOR JUSTICE; SURELY
THE WORLD COULD NOT BEGRUDGE THE ARABS A NON-DESTRUCTIVE
WEAPON WHEN ALL AROUND THEM OTHERS WERE USING ARMS OF
DESTRUCTION. NAFFAH CONCLUDED THAT THE OIL-PRODUCING
ARAB STATES WOULD PRODUCE ALL THE OIL THE WORLD WOULD
NEED ONCE ISRAEL HAD EVACUATED THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

5. ANSWERING QUESTION, NAFFAH STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT
LEBANON DOES NOT APPROVE OF ANY TYPE OF TERRORISM. HE
POINTED OUT THAT EVEN THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZA-
TION HAD CONDEMNED A RECENT TERRORIST ACTION IN EUROPE.
HOWEVER TO STOP TERRORISM ONE HAS TO FIND THE REASONS
CAUSING IT, AND IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT "ALL OCCUPA-
TIONS BRING RESISTANCE." NAFFAH FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT
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SINCE ALL COUNTRIES HAVE AN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING WORLD
PEACE, IT FOLLOWS THAT ALL HAVE AN INTEREST IN RESOLVING
THE PROBLEM OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. NAFFAH ALSO COM-
PLAINED THAT EVERY TIME THE JUST ARAB CAUSE GAINS FAVOR
IN PUBLIC OPINION, SOMETHING HAPPENS TO DISCREDIT IT.

6. AFTER HIS RETURN FROM CUBA, NAFFAH WAS AWARDED MEXICAN
"AZTEC EAGLE" DECORATION BY SUBSECRETARY OF FOREIGN
RELATIONS GONZALEZ SOSA. THREE DAYS LATER NAFFAH PRESENTED

FONSEC RABASA WITH THE DECORATION OF THE GRAND CORDON OF THE ORDER OF THE CEDARS OF LEBANON. NAFFAH ALSO MADE FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON MEXICO'S PROPOSED CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES AND SPOKE OF THIRD-WORLD SOLIDARITY.

7. OFFICIAL REMARKS BY THE GOM ON THE NAFFAH MISSION WERE MADE BY GONZALEZ SOSA AT THE PRESENTATION CEREMONY, WHEN HE SAID THAT MEXICO WOULD LISTEN SYMPATHETICALLY TO THE ARAB POINT OF VIEW WITH THE SAME UNDERSTANDING THAT MEXICO HAS GIVEN COMPLEX ME PROBLEM IN THE UNITED NATIONS. HE SAID MEXICO HAS DEMONSTRATED IN THE UN THAT SHE IS AGAINST INJUSTICE, ADDING THAT MEXICO HAS LONG FELT THAT WELL-BEING OF NATIONS OF THIRD WORLD HAS BEEN IMPEDED BY PROBLEM OF FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES, AND NOW THIS FIGHTING IS ALSO AFFECTING THE INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES WITH MONETARY DISORDER AND THE ENERGY CRISIS.

8. IN LESS FORMAL REMARKS AT LEBANESE EMBASSY AFTER RECEIVING DECORATION, RABASA SAID THAT MEXICO -- FOR REASONS OF HISTORY AND BASIC FOREIGN-POLICY PRINCIPLES -- DOES NOT RECOGNIZE TERRITORIAL CONQUESTS MADE BY FORCE IN MIDDLE EAST. HE EXPRESSED REGRET THAT LEBANON FOR LAST 25 YEARS HAS NOT KNOWN PEACE.

9. IN AN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE GOM AFTER THE NAFFAH VISIT MEXICO REPUDIATED THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND REITERATED THAT SHE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE OCCUPATION OF TERRITORIES AN
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